

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

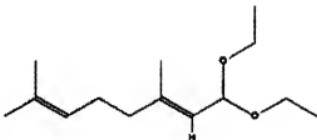
Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

No amendments have been made to the claims. Claims 2 and 5-32 are currently withdrawn from consideration.

Rejection of claims 1, 3, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) – WO 00/19822

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has extended the examination to an additional species as identified at page 2 of the Office Action. At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 3, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Behan et al. (WO 00/19822). The Examiner asserts that a compound set forth in Behan et al. is a citral diethyl acetal, and the Examiner asserts that this compound is "doubly unsaturated." This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of the present application and the claims dependent thereon relate to a method to repel as insect comprising applying an insect repellent. The insect repellent comprises at least one acetal or semi-acetal of an acyclic terpene (C_{10}), wherein the acetal or semi-acetal radicals in each case themselves represent a terpene radical (C_{10}). In the Office Action, the Examiner considered the compound, citral diethyl acetal, at page 2, line 25, of Behan et al. to be relevant. However, this compound is an acetal of citral (a C_{10} terepene), wherein the acetal radicals are ethyl groups. In other words, the citral diethyl acetal (shown in the structure below) is not an acetal which is formed from terpene moieties only.



Thus, the particular compound referenced by the Examiner would not fall within the scope of these claims.

Accordingly, Behan et al. does not teach the subject matter of claims 1, 3, and 4, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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